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LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that during the night of 30/31 March 1994, three Iraqis living in the province of Abi Al-Khassib (Mr. Yusuf Abed Jaafar, Mr. Mushtak Yasser Abed and Mr. Samir Hamid Zuwayd) who were fishing in the Um-Al-Rassas region near the Karun river were intercepted by Iranian vessels and taken with their boat to the Iranian side.

In informing you of the details of this abduction, the Government of the Republic of Iraq denounces this act of aggression in the strongest terms. It calls on you to take vigorous action, to intervene so that an impartial inquiry might be conducted, to condemn the perpetrators of this crime, and to put pressure on the Iranian regime to refrain from committing such violations in future, to respect the sovereignty of Iraq, to preserve the security of the Iraqi population, to take steps to repatriate those who have been abducted, and to ensure that such incidents, which damage relations between the two countries, do not recur.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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